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March 11, 2002

Honorable Felix J. Boudreaux
Commissioner of Conservation
P. O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Re: Hearing Application
10300' Zone, Reservoir A
ABBEVILLE FIELD
Vermilion Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: Austral Oil & Exploration, Inc.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **Austral Oil & Exploration, Inc.** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the 10300' Zone, Reservoir A, SUA in the Abbeville Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the 10300' Zone, Reservoir A, SUA in the Abbeville Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana;
2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the 10300' Zone, Reservoir A, SUA designated as the 10300' RA SUA;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To designate a unit operator and a unit well for the unit so created;

5. To grant an exception to the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E;
6. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the 10300' Zone, Reservoir A.

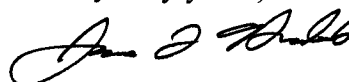
The 10300' Zone, Reservoir A, in the Abbeville Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the depths of 10346' and 10391' (electric log measurements) in the Austral Oil & Exploration, Inc. - N B LeBlanc No. 1 Well (formerly Conoco, N B LeBlanc No. 3) located in Section 67, Township 12 South, Range 3 East, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, pre-application notice was given; however, no request for the conference was received. Therefore, the conference tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2002 **WILL NOT BE HELD**.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the 10300' ZONE RA SUA, Abbeville Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such plat (being the same plat attached to the notice dated February 28, 2002) and list of parties are being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation; however, the plat and/or list of parties will be furnished to any party requesting copies. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and Interested Parties.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$700.00, **made payable to the Office of Conservation**, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



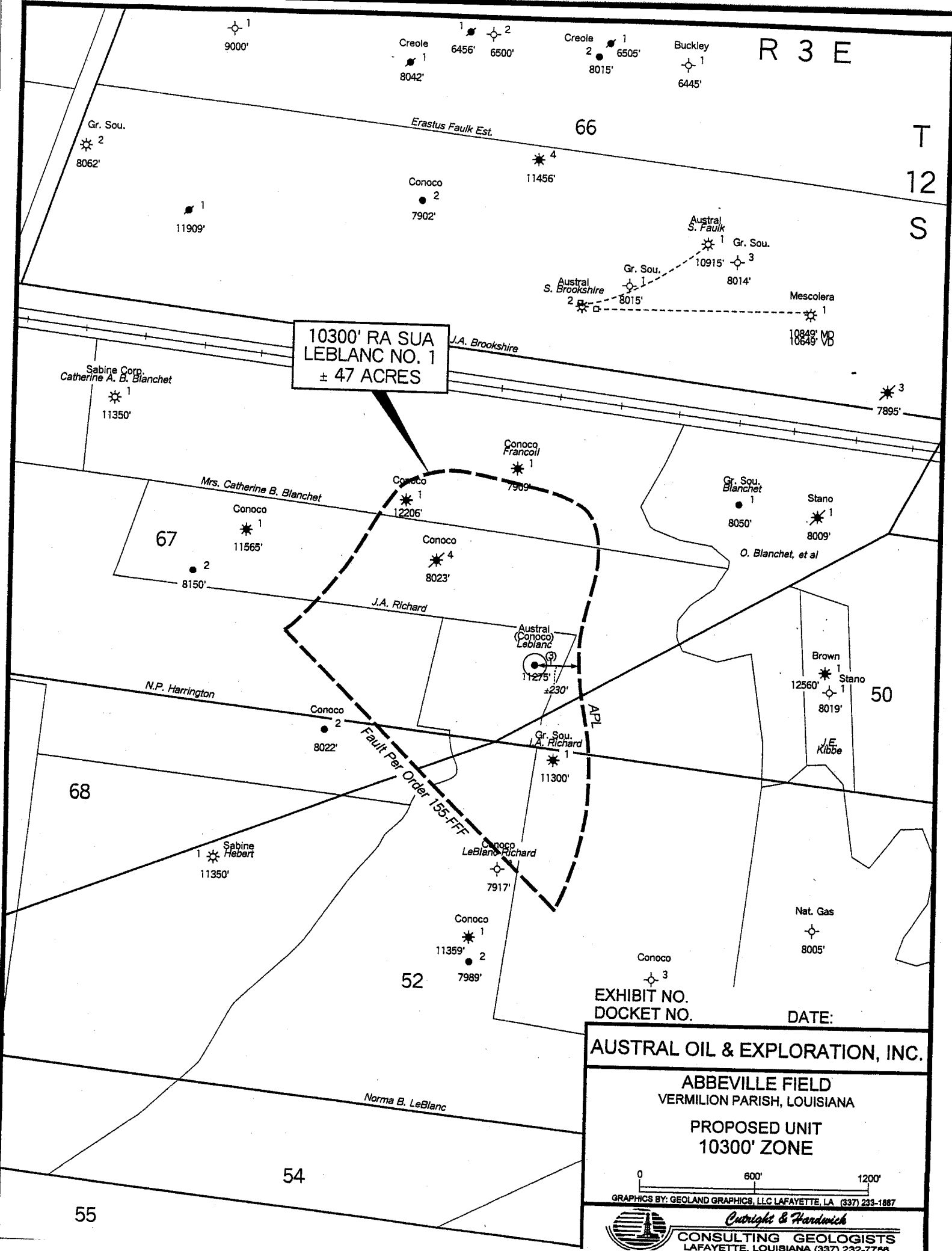
James F. Hardwick
President

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson
District Manager
Office of Conservation

Interested Owners
Represented Parties
Interested Parties



10300' RA SUA
LEBLANC NO. 1
± 47 ACRES

EXHIBIT NO.
DOCKET NO. DATE:
AUSTRAL OIL & EXPLORATION, INC.

ABBEVILLE FIELD
VERMILION PARISH, LOUISIANA
PROPOSED UNIT
10300' ZONE

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